

## **FACILITATING THE CONFIGURING OF COMMUNICATIONS ENVIRONMENTS, AND A MAPPING TOOL THEREFOR**

### **Abstract of the Disclosure**

Configuring of a communications environment is facilitated. A mapping tool is provided that aids in the configuring of various components of a communications environment, such as an input/output (I/O) subsystem of the environment. Data generated from an order process and a logical configuration definition are used as input to the mapping tool. The tool performs mapping and generates as output a physical configuration definition, and optionally, one or more reports. The mapping tool has a manual function, as well as an automatic function.